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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Gerald Ewoldt

APPLICATION NO: 09/770,002

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FOR: USE OF CD25 BINDING MOLECULES IN THE TREATMENT OF

RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS OR SKIN DISEASES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of September 5, 2002 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 5, 2002. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$ 410 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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